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MEDIA ADVISORY

Commerce Director Anthony Preite to Present \$480,000 to PrintingForLess.com in Livingston

(HELENA) – Montana Department of Commerce Director Anthony Preite will present \$480,000 in funding to PrintingForLess.com for worker training on **Monday, October 1**, at 11:30 a.m. at PrintingForLess.com in Livingston.

"Montana's on the move," said Governor Brian Schweitzer. "These grants are an invaluable tool for helping our local business grow, which leads to more jobs and a stronger economy."

PrinitngForLess.com will use the \$480,000 in funding from the Workforce Training Grant Program to hire and train 96 employees. The national internet printing service is one of the fastest growing companies in the United States. PrintingForLess.com constructed a new facility on the western edge of Livingston in 2006 and currently employs about 185 people.

"The Montana Department of Commerce has supported PrintingForLess.com from the very start," said Director Preite. "This company is a true success story, and a perfect example of a private public partnership at work."

At the request of Governor Schweitzer, the 60th Montana Legislature increased funding for WTG from \$1.4 million annually, to nearly \$4 million annually. The program is targeted toward businesses that create at least one net, new job that pays at least the lower of the current county average or the current state average. That wage can include fringe benefits. New employees must work at least thirty-five hours per week year round.

Program applicants must demonstrate that at least fifty percent of their sales originate outside of Montana. The maximum funding available to train a single employee is \$5,000.

Since 2004, twelve WTG awards have been made and award funding has ranged from \$75,000 to \$1,955,000. Those awards have been leveraged with more than \$73 million in business investments. More than 1,500, good paying, new jobs have been created for Montana workers.

WHO: Commerce Director Anthony Preite

WHAT: Present \$480,000 to PrintingForLess.com

WHEN: Monday, October 1 @ 11:30 AM

WHERE: PrintingForLess.com, 100 PFL Way, Livingston ***Second Floor Conference Room***

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